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The Morning Star.

OUTLINES.

The body of Miss Nell Cropsey was found yesterday in the Pasquotank river opposite the Cropsey residence, Elizabeth City, N. C. —— U. S. Senator Sewell died yesterday. —— The battleship Missouri will be launched to-day at Newport News, Va. —— Four hundred men reported killed in a battle between Colombian government forces and revolutionists under General Marin. —— Fresh oil finds reported in Tennessee and Kentucky. —— Capt. Richard P. Leary, U. S. N., is dead. —— Seven Americans killed and a number wounded in a fight with Filipinos in Samar province December 24th. —— Train wreck near Scranton, Pa.; four trainmen were killed. —— Senator Chauncey M. Depew and Miss Palmer married at Nice. —— Three men killed by an explosion in an iron furnace at Sharpsville, Pa. —— The North Atlantic squadron has arrived at Culebra island. —— Wilcox, the young man suspected of complicity in the death of Miss Cropsey, of Elizabeth City, has been put in jail for his own protection; there is a strong feeling against him. —— Abe Attell and Terry McGovern are to fight for the feather-weight championship of the world. —— N. Y. markets: Money on call firm at 6@9 per cent.; cotton quiet at 8½c; flour easier, but not quotably lower; wheat—spot easy, No. 2 red 89½c; corn—spot easy, No. 2 70½c; oats—spot easy, No. 2 51½c; rosin quiet; spirits turpentine quiet.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. DEP'T OF AGRICULTURE, WEATHER BUREAU, WILMINGTON, N. C., Dec. 27.

Temperatures: 8 A. M., 39 degrees; 8 P. M., 49 degrees; maximum, 64 degrees; minimum, 49 degrees; mean, 56 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .01; rainfall since 1st of the month to date, 3.24 inches.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville, N. C., at 8 A. M. 7 feet

FORECAST FOR TO-DAY.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—For North Carolina: Fair Saturday. Sunday increasing cloudiness, probably rain; light to fresh northeast winds.

Port Almanac---December 28.

Sun Rises	7.10 A. M.
Sun Sets	4.52 P. M.
Day's Length	9 H. 42 M.
High Water at Southport	9.33 A. M.
High Water Wilmington	12 02 P. M.

Worms give some people a good deal of trouble, but silk worms give employment to 600,000 people in Italy.

Senator Chauncey Depew was married at Nice, and he got a nice girl, too. Chauncey is a "peach," and she is a daisy.

A millennium calculator figures out that it will get along here in 1915. The presumption is that the war in South Africa and the Philippines will be over by that time.

Out of the 256 vessels that passed through the Suez canal in November two flew the American flag, 143 were English and 36 German. Other countries ranged from one to eighteen.

Monte Carlo has a cemetery for the convenience of men who fight the tiger and get the worst of it, and lose interest in further proceedings. There are 2,000 graves in that cemetery, dug since 1860.

It is said that there are 2,278,717 "hello" machines in this country. This does not include the extemporized telephones in the West, where the farmers utilize their wire fences to get ahead of the telephone companies.

Some Milwaukee, Wisconsin, capitalists are going to put $5,000,000 into draining and developing 1,000,000 acres of the Everglades in Florida, and then they are going to raising sugar cane and manufacturing sugar on a large scale. They are planning to make 2,000,000 tons a year.

The Chicago *Tribune* says there are artificial eggs on the market in that town which would fool the best informed hen. But the hen egg has the advantage of it in some particulars, for while it may be concocted quicker and keep young longer it will not hatch. A fellow who went to Chicago and struck a lot of these, without knowing it, for incubating purposes made a signal failure.

Judging from the editorial comments on the unfortunate lot of Mr. John D. Rockefeller, who with his $30,000,000 a year income is limited to a diet of skimmed milk and crackers, there isn't an editor in the country who would exchange places with him. We wouldn't like to do it as a steady thing, but we wouldn't mind trying it for a week or two.

For LaGrippe and Influenza use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.
For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

— Mr. D. E. Gill, of Raleigh, is in the City.

— Mrs. E. Y. Davis is visiting at Laurinburg.

— Mr. E. A. McKoy left yesterday for New York.

— Mr. Neill Emerson is at home from the V. M. I.

— Mr. D. W. Biggs, of Ashpole, was in Wilmington yesterday.

— Mr. George Ganzer, of Portsmouth, Va., was in the city yesterday.

— Mr. J. A. Watson, of Mount Olive, was a visitor to Wilmington yesterday.

— Dr. W. T. Smith has been called to his home on account of the extreme illness of his sister.

— Mr. James H. Cowan has joined the Rentfrow Company, which is filling an engagement at Florence.

— Mr. A. H. Slocomb, of Fayetteville, an aspirant for the position of Collector of Customs at this port, was here yesterday.

— Mr. B. B. Jackson, for the past sixteen months in the employ of Mercer & Evans, returned to his home at Faison yesterday.

— Mrs. H. D. Burkhimer and children, of Newbern, formerly of Wilmington, are spending the holidays here on a visit to relations and friends.

COUNTRY NEGRO ROBBED.

Not Only Did He Lose $15, But He Also Had to Pay the Costs of a Case.

During the rush just before Christmas John Nixon, a country negro, came to town with a cart load of country produce and was disposing of it at the Front street market, when he was robbed of $15. Nixon took a handful of money from his pocket to make some change. He laid $15 in bills on the foot board of the cart. Some one came up to buy a fowl from him and he forgot to pick up his money. Presently he remembered it and turned to get it, but the greenbacks were missing.

John Dudley, who came up about the time Nixon was counting his money, was suspected. He was arrested and brought before Justice Fowler yesterday to answer to the charge of larceny. Mr. Fowler, after hearing the evidence, adjudged it malicious prosecution and imposed the costs of the case on Nixon.

HENRY BOWDEN APPOINTED.

Successor to Late R. B. Mason as Manager of Oil Mill.

Mr. Henry Bowden, of Warsaw, for the past nine years with the North Carolina Cotton Oil Company, has been appointed manager of the Wilmington mill, to succeed the late R. Beverly Mason. He took charge of the business yesterday.

Mr. Bowden is one of the company's most highly esteemed employes and he has the entire confidence of all with whom he does business. He will move his family here from Warsaw.

Mr. Fred Schroeder, who lived in Wilmington for some time, but is now cashier and book-keeper of the South Carolina Cotton Oil Company in Columbia, will return to Wilmington and accept a similar position in the Wilmington mill.

Mr. Frank H. Bagg, cashier and book-keeper for the company here, will go to Columbia to accept the position vacated by Mr. Schroeder.

HANOVER LODGE I. O. O. F.

Officers Elected at Regular Meeting Held Last Night—To Serve a Year.

At the regular meeting of Hanover Lodge, No. 145, I. O. O. F., last night, the following officers were elected:

S. P. G.—C. R. Spooner.
N. G.—John F. Wood.
V. G.—Ed. F. Lewis.
R. S.—Sam'l. G. Hall.
F. S.—B. W. Dunham.
Treasurer—W. H. Howell.
Trustees—E. F. Johnson, E. N. Penny, N. F. Parker.
General Relief Committee.—B. W. Dunham.

The above with the appointed officers will be installed on the first Friday night in January.

Appointed Assistant Freight Agent.

The Seaboard Air Line has issued a circular announcing that Mr. L. E. Chalenor is appointed assistant general freight agent, Savannah, Ga., vice Mr. A. Pope, transferred to Portsmouth, Va. Effective January 1st, 1903. The circular is signed by General Freight Agent Chas. R. Capps.

— The British steamship *Tolosa*, 2,099 tons, Capt. Seaborne, cleared yesterday for Liverpool, with a cargo of 11,184 bales of cotton, weighing 5,354,610 pounds, valued at $455,000. Vessel and cargo by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Geo. R. French & Sons.—Shoes.
H. J. Bierman & Co.—Fruit cake.
Wilmington Savings & Trust Co.—Special.

BUSINESS LOCALS.

Wanted—Man to build cistern.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES

St. Paul's Lutheran and St. Andrew's Presbyterian Sunday Schools.

APPROPRIATE OBSERVANCES.

St. James' Episcopal Gave Its Exercises Thursday Night—The Programmes Were Most Entertaining at All of Them—Christmas Trees

Several of the Sunday schools gave their Christmas entertainments last night and the attendance upon each was very large.

St. Paul's Lutheran.

The Christmas exercises of St Paul's Lutheran Sunday school were unusually interesting this year and the decorations were very handsome. The exercises were held in the Memorial Building, corner of Princess and Sixth streets.

There were two beautiful Christmas trees and these were heavily laden with presents and ornamenis. Between the two trees was a very attractive chimney made of candy bricks.

Dr. A. G. Voigt, as has been his custom for the past few years, didn't make an address, but told a beautiful Christmas story, and it was listened to with great interest. His story was about the way in which a poor boy became in possession of a Christmas tree very unexpectedly, and afterwards through his influence a poor sick girl also unexpectedly received a Christmas tree. Mr. F. A. Bissinger, superintendent of the Sunday School, was in charge of the exeeeses. Mrs. H. F. Oiten played the accompaniments on the piano, and Miss Kate Fick played for the smaller children.

The programme rendered was as follows:

Song, No. 141.
"Introit and Gloria."
Prayer.
Song, No. 35.
Song, "Joy Bells," by infant department.
Scripture reading.
Choir, selection.
Song, "It Came Upon," etc.
Light the Trees.
Song, No. 113.
Song, "Little Feet," by small girls.
Address, by Dr. Voigt.
Song, No. 148.
Collection.
Choir.
Song, No. 89.
Lord's Prayer.
Distribution of gifts.
Benediction.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian.

At St. Andrew's Presbyterian entertainment the audience was very large and the exercises interesting.

The programme was as follows:

Prayer.
Song by school.
Song by young ladies.
Recitation, by Miss Marie Russell.
Song, by young ladies.
Recitation, by Miss Isabel McDougald.
"Santa Claus," song by girls.

Santa Claus, who was splendidly impersonated by Mr. J. Ed. Smith, then appeared and distributed fruits candies and nuts.

A liberal contribution was made for James Johnson, the faithful colored janitor who has served the church for 23 years.

The young ladies who composed the choir were: Misses Clara Wiggs, Mary Bell King, Marie Russell, Daisy Maltsby, Isabel McDougald and Lizzette Wade. Miss Ida Strause played the accompaniments on the organ.

St. James' Episcopal.

One of the pleasantest entertainments of the holiday season was the Christmas entertainment of St. James' Sunday School Thursday night.

The children of the Sunday-school brought many presents out of their bounty and filled the tree with gifts.

During the evening several hymns were sung. Mr. Geo. T. Hewlett, impersonating Santa Claus, made his appearance and told the children about the animals on the Christmas tree and then distributed bon bons and kisses among them.

Mr. William Calder presented a five dollar gold piece to Miss Alice Davis, daughter of Mr. Junius Davis, as a prize for the best composition on "Christmas."

The second prize, offered for the composition with the best descriptive and dramatic force, was presented to Clayton Smith. A committee of three was appointed as judges. Each composition was numbered and there was nothing on them to indicate the name of the author.

The beautiful Christmas tree, laden with little offerings from the children of St. James', will be taken to the Chapel of the Good Shepherd next Tuesday night and the pretty gifts will be distributed among the children of the mission school. This custom of St. James' Sunday school is a beautiful one.

The Elks' Anniversary.

The Elks' preparations for their anniversary celebration next Monday night are progressing splendidly and the occasion will doubtless be one of the pleasantest in the history of Wilmington Lodge. The committee in charge of arrangements, composed of Messrs. L. Stein, Ed. David and Ike Solomon, is preparing an elaborate programme and everything will be done to make the second anniversary of the lodge just what it should be. The Elks will be out that night in full force.

It's Not Too Late

for you to get a nice present to give in return. I have sold a large quantity of novelties and other nice goods, but still I have a nice line to select your New Year's gifts from. They are too numerous to mention. J. T. Burke, the jeweller, 37 South Front street.

HAPPINESS AT COUNTY HOME.

A Patient Writes Flatteringly of the Treatment Furnished Them by the Officials.

New Hanover County Home, December 26, 1901.

EDITOR STAR—Will you kindly publish the following.

I have been a patient at this Home for some time past and am at present confined to my room with a severe attack of rheumatism. A number of the patients have requested me to write this statement in order that the readers of your paper may be informed as to the treatment we receive here at the hands of the Superintendent and his family, and more particularly as to the splendid treat in store for them on Christmas day in the shape of a magnificent dinner—a dinner good enough for any one to partake of. The table fairly groaned under the weight of the good things upon it. Turkey, chicken, ham and duck, with all the necessary condiments; fruit, pound and jelly cakes; pies of various kinds, and fruits and confections in abundance. The old and young had a delightful feast. The dinner was a great success.

Mr. Chadwick, his good wife and daughter, looked after their comfort, and everything was done that could be to make it pleasant for them. After the dinner was over they were permitted to carry to their rooms from the table all they wished to, and rest assured they availed themselves of this offer for all it was worth, (the writer for one.)

And now in conclusion I wish to state that I have never seen any man (and I question if one could be found) better qualified or more eminently fitted for the position of Superintendent than the present incumbent, M. G. Chadwick. Kind-hearted, genial disposition, he does everything to make those under his care comfortable and happy. And his wife, a noble type of womanhood, a big hearted Christian lady, ever looking after the comfort of the patients, visiting them often, administering to the sick, preparing nourishment for them, and doing all that she can for their welfare, both temporal and spiritual.

Surely the county is blest in having such people in charge of its beautiful Home. PATIENT.

NEW YEAR'S ENTERTAINMENT.

At the Y. M. C. A. by the Weekes Concert Company Will be a Rare Treat.

The Y. M. C. A. New Year's concert will be a most enjoyable entertainment. Mr. Weekes and Misses Weekes and Ostrander are artists of the highest talent.

Mr. Weekes' success has been in his "David Harem," and as the "Hoss Trader" progresses it is evident that his auditors are at his mercy, for his remarks bring forth suppressed shouts. Miss Elizabeth Weekes has a voice like Annie Laurie's, "low and sweet," and yet especially remarkable for its depth and richness.

Miss Janet Ostrander is a well known and popular sweet soprano, who has had a remarkable success in plantation songs with her own banjo accompaniments. Her aria, the "Bolero" from Sicilian Vespers, is as exquisite as anything ever heard in America.

The box sheet will be open at the Y. M. C. A. office Monday, and members of the Association course can secure seats at the small price of 25c and 10 cents extra, non members 50c and 10 cents extra.

LIST OF LETTERS.

Remaining Uncalled For in the Wilmington Postoffice Dec. 27th, 1901.

WOMEN'S LIST.

A Barnes, Daisy Bonds, E K Burke, M E Bryan, Mary E Brown, M L Bolton, Burlia Bell, Bettie Clemon, Iler Council, Minnie Davis, Rebecca Davis, Mattie Egilsten, Hattie Guy, Sophia Hall, A B C Lindsay, Bettie Southerland, Lyda Lyons, Miss Lacy, Frances Mitchell, Ella McArthur, Hannah Moore, Hester McNight, Martha R Miller, Margaret Mills, Martha McLaw, Ellie Rodgers.

MEN'S LIST.

D Allen, F G Andrews, J W Anderson, Dan Buruss, E W Brown, F A Batts, F R Boney, Exril Brown, H H Borneman, S W Cooper, J M Boon, Geo Dixon, W H Butler, Aaron Clark, E Chambers, D C Coleman, J W Carroll, S Corner, R B Dunham, David Evans, Edward Farn, John Jasper Grange, W N Hargrove, P Johnson, Wm Kelly, A F Long, L R Liviostone, M B Lawimme, B A Moore, B McKnight, B McCary, D McFadden, E D Millicean, D I Malky, J McMillan, Judge Monk, J McKoy, J McDonald, L McCoy, L V McKoy, M McKoy, P Manuel, R A McCollock, R McLeary, W McDaniel, M Panton, O A Prahm, U G Roberts, L L Roberson, Jno Robinson, B F Rafferty, H Scott, W Seasoms, J P Taylor, J Tounzell, Geo Williams.

RETURNED FROM DEAD LETTER OFFICE.

J B Lyman, O McHorton.

Persons calling for above letters will please say advertised. If not called for in fifteen days they will be sent to the dead letter office. M. C. DARBY, Postmaster.

The Assembly Ball.

The Assembly ball to be given on January 10th in the Masonic Temple will begin at 9 o'clock P. M. The ball will continue until 12 o'clock when a sumptuous supper will be served in the banquet hall. The cotillon will be danced, beginning at 1 o'clock, and Mr. H. H. McIlhenny will lead it. The affair on the 10th will probably be the Assembly's only function this season. It will be very elaborate.

New Horses for Fire Department.

Chief Charles Schnibben went to Baltimore yesterday to buy a pair of horses for the Fire Department. The aldermen recently appropriated $450 for the purchase of a fine pair of horses for the department and the Fire Committee directed Chief Schnibben to go to Baltimore and pick out two suitable animals. He will return to-day or Sunday.

BRILLIANT RECEPTION

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Emerson Charmingly Entertained Last Night.

IN HONOR OF MISS EMERSON.

One of the Most Fashionable Social Functions Ever Given in Wilmington and Society Was Out in Full Force. Delightful Occasion.

One of the most beautiful receptions ever given in Wilmington was that last evening given by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas M. Emerson in honor of their daughter, Miss Nellie Emerson. It was one of the most brilliant social functions that has ever been given in this section of the State, and society was out in full force, the scores of beautiful women in their fashionable evening gowns and the gentlemen in conventional evening dress. It was a scene of great splendor and one on which the eye could dwell and feast indefinitely.

The reception was given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Emerson, No. 510 Dock street, from 9 to 12 o'clock. The decorations were gorgeous and the entire first floor was a scene of rarest beauty. The parlor was decorated in white and green and the same effect prevailed in the drawing room. The dining room presented an unusually attractive appearance. The decorations there were in red and green. The entire effect was one of perfect harmony. Palms, ferns and other tropical plants, and cut flowers, were displayed in profusion. The first floor of the residence was a wealth of beautiful flowers and decorations.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson, Miss Emerson, Miss Elliott Emerson and Miss Ousdeslys, her friend, composed the receiving party and were stationed in the front rooms.

There was a very large number of guests and all seemed to have a most delightful time. One of the features of the entertainment was dancing in an improvised ball room erected on the western side of the house. The room was beautiful in its blaze of electric lights and red Japanese lanterns casting their reflections on the pure white walls. The music was by Hollowbush's band, of Raleigh.

Refreshments were served in charming style and they were very dainty.

The reception was a very brilliant affair and will be remembered as one of the most delightful ever given in this city.

LOCAL DOTS.

— Standard Oil barge, No. 58, arrived in port yesterday.

— The tug *Alexander Jones* is towing the schooner *Bonny Doon* to New York.

— Three young negroes will be tried before Justice McGowan to-day on the charge of stealing brass and other metal.

— A quarantine has been raised at No. 604 North Sixth street for scarlet fever. This is the only case of contagious disease in the city.

— Rev. J. H. Hall will speak to men at 5 o'clock Sunday afternoon at the Y. M. C. A. There will be a vocal duet by Miss Nora Scott and Miss May Galloway.

— The schooner *John W. Dana* has arrived from Port Arthur, Texas, with a cargo of machinery for the Cape Fear Fisheries Company. The vessel is discharging at Old Brunswick.

— The schooner *Abbie G. Cole*, 232 tons, Capt. Cole, cleared yesterday for Samana, Santo Domingo, with 210,384 feet of lumber, valued at $5,600. Vessel and cargo by Geo. Harriss, Son & Co.

— The police are trying their utmost to break up a ring of gamblers in the city. Five negroes are now in the guardhouse awaiting a hearing before the Mayor. They are believed to be members of the gang.

EFFORT TO WRECK TRAIN.

Spikes Drawn and Rail Moved at a Switch Near Goldsboro.

[*News and Observer.*]

GOLDSBORO, Dec. 26.—A fearful wreck of passenger train No. 4, Engineer Brinson, Conductor Coleman, was narrowly averted five miles from this city. At Herrings' crossing or Spring Bank there is a siding, and some one had drawn the spikes and moved the rail at this switch, leaving the signal board white. The train at this point was moving at a speed of fifty miles an hour and fortunately ran right through the switch. Had the train been going east it would have gone into the siding, and there was a car on the siding, at a point where there is quite an embankment. The wretch evidently had no designs on the Shoo Fly going east, but did his work after the train passed, hoping to derail train No. 4, which is the regular passenger, mail and express. This train was crowded with passengers and the narrowness of this catastrophe makes one sudder as he realizes their close call.

Conductor Coleman said: "On last evening, a short distance below this crossing, I put off my train a white man, who was under the influence of whiskey and unmanageable. This party may have undertaken to wreck the train." Unfortunately there are no blood hounds within easy reach else the guilty party could be tracked and captured.

— Mr. J. S. Westbrook, of Wallace, was a visitor here yesterday.

KINSTON & CAROLINA ROAD.

Incorporated With Capital Stock of $500,000—General Toon's Condition

[*Special Star Telegram.*]

RALEIGH, N. C., Dec. 27.—The Kinston and Carolina Railroad Company was incorporated to-day with $500,000 capital. The road will be about sixty miles long and will connect Kinston with the Wilmington and Weldon road, and will traverse portions of Lenoir, Duplin and Pender counties.

There is decided improvement in General Toon's condition. His family is confident that he will recover.

Haven't Recovered Body.

The body of Corporal Willie Sinclair, who was drowned at Fort Caswell Tuesday afternoon, has not been recovered. Efforts were made to float it by the explosion of dynamite in the vicinity of the place where the drowning occurred, but the attempt was a failure. Other means will be employed to recover the body of the young soldier.

Church Notices.

Bladen Street Methodist Church: Rev. J. J. Porter will preach at 11 A. M., and at the evening service.

Chapel of the Good Shepherd, Sixth and Queen streets. There will be the usual services on Sunday at 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. Sunday School at 4 o'clock in the afternoon.

Southside Baptist Church, corner Fifth and Wooster streets, Rev. R. H. Herring, pastor. Services 11 o'clock A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sunday School at 3 P. M. Prayer meeting service every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock.

First Baptist Church, corner of Market and Fifth streets, Rev. Calvin S. Blackwell, D. D., pastor. 11 A. M., "The glory in the face of Jesus Christ." 7.30 P. M., "New Year's Resolutions—what they are made of and what they are worth."

First Presbyterian Church, Rev. John M. Wells, Ph. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M., and at 7.30 P. M. conducted by the pastor. Sunday school at 4 P. M. Prayer meeting on Thursdays at 8:00 P. M. The public cordially invited to all services. Pews free.

St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church, corner Fourth and Campbell streets, Rev. Alex. D. McClure, D. D., pastor. Divine services at 11 A. M. and 7.30 P. M. Sabbath School at 3.30 P. M. Prayer meeting and lecture Wednesday at 8 P. M. The public invited. Seats free.

Religious services will be conducted at the Seaman's Bethel to-morrow, (Sabbath) afternoon, at 5 o'clock, by Rev. A. D. McClure, D. D. Seamen and fivermen are especially invited. All are welcome.

Brooklyn Baptist Church, corner Fourth and Brunswick streets, Rev. J. J. Payseur, pastor. Services to-morrow at 11 A. M. and 8 P. M. Sunday School at 3.30 P. M. Weekly prayer and praise meeting Wednesday at 8 P. M. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to all services.

Fifth Street Methodist Church, situated on Fifth street between Nun and Church, Rev. John H. Hall, pastor. Services on Sunday at 11 A. M. and 8.00 P. M. Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7.30 o'clock. Sunday School Sunday afternoon at 3.30 o'clock. A cordial invitation extended to all.

Grace M. E. Church, corner of Grace and Fourth streets. Pastor, Rev. J. N. Cole. Services Sunday at 11 o'clock a. m. and 8.00 p. m. Sunday School, W. B. Cooper, supt., 4.30 p. m. Weekly prayer meeting Wednesday at 8.00 p. m. A cordial welcome to all. Visitors to the city pecially invited. Seats free.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

A CARD.

Notice is hereby given that Sam'l J. Springer has been admitted to membership in our firm.

J. A. SPRINGER & CO.
dec 25 1w

Just Arrived
A CARLOAD OF
HORSES AND MULES,
the good kind, at the old price. I am still selling
Buggies and Harness at Cost.
If you want any of them in this line come and see me.
F. T. MILLS.
dec 21 tf

Cocoanuts! Cocoanuts!
Mixed Nuts, Raisins, Apples,
Sugar, Coffee, Flour,
Meal and Molasses.
Also a full line of case goods. Prices right. Treatment fair.
PETER McQUEEN, Jr.,
dec 3 tf No. 108 North Water St

NORTH CAROLINA,
NEW HANOVER COUNTY, Superior Court.
Mary B. Keeton, vs. J. T. Keeton.
This is an action brought by the plaintiff in the above entitled cause against the defendant above named for divorce on the ground of abandonment. It being made to appear that J. T. Keeton is a non-resident of the State of North Carolina and cannot, after due diligence be found in this State. These are therefore to notify said defendant to appear at the next term of the Superior Court, to be held for the county of New Hanover on the 8th Monday before the 1st Monday in March, A. D. 1902, then and there to answer or demur to the complaint of the plaintiff or judgment will be granted according to the prayer of the complaint.
In witness whereof I hereunto set my hand and seal of office, this 12th day of November, A. D. 1901. JNO. D. TAYLOR,
Clerk Superior Court of New Hanover county.
nov 16 6t sa

ONE CAR
Vaughn's Improved Early Ohio
Seed Potatoes
just received in prime condition.
Other varieties to arrive. Let us book your orders at once as the demand will doubtless be large.
Provisions and Groceries
in great variety. Get our prices.
HALL & PEARSALL,
(INCORPORATED.)
Wholesale Grocers and Commission Merchants. dec 10 tf

Wanted, Furs.
5,000 Raccoon Skins.
5,000 Fox Skins.
5,000 Opossum Skins.
1,000 Mink Skins.
And Furs of all description. Highest prices paid. Quotations furnished on application.
SAM'L BEAR, Sr.,
nov 24 tf 18 Market street.

The Handsomest Shoes
Ever brought to this city can be seen in our retail department direct from the manufacturers' hands.
Snappy Styles for Gents, in Banisters, Pat. Vici Bals, price $6. We have Pat. Calf and Vici's for $3, $3.50 $4.00 and $5.00.
All the newest and nicest for Infants, Children, Misses and Ladies. We have all the new Patent Leathers and Kids, prices $1, $1.25, $1.50, $2.00 and $3.00.
Come to us for Fleece Soles, Leggins and Over-Gaiters.
CEO. R. FRENCH & SONS.
dec 5 tf

Special, Special, Special.
Wednesday, January 1st, being a legal holiday, this bank will be closed. Money deposited on or before the next day, Thursday, January 2nd, will bear interest from January 1st. All deposits in this bank are subject to check without notice.
The Wilmington Savings & Trust Company,
108 Princess Street.
J. W. NORWOOD, President. H. WALTERS, Vice President.
C. E. TAYLOR, Jr., Cashier.
dec 28 tf

SEASONABLE GOODS.
MULLETS, new catch.
Best Cream Cheese.
Martin's Gilt Edge Butter,
Bagging and Ties.
SALT.
A GENERAL LINE OF CASE GOODS DEMAND AT THIS SEASON.
Sole agents for
ROB ROY FLOUR.
McNAIR & PEARSALL.

Xmas Goods!
Xmas Goods!
My Line is now all out. Call and see it before buying.
ROBERT C. DeROSSET,
dec 15 tf 107 Market St.

FOR CHRISTMAS!
WE HAVE
CANDY, CAKES, NUTS,
Raisins, Apples,
Oranges, Cocoanuts.
Also a full line of Canned Goods in connection with our regular stock of heavy groceries.
Write to us for prices.
Williams Bros.
dec 6 tf

The Unlucky Corner.
New Goods.
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LIFE ON THE FARM.

In addressing a meeting of bankers and other business men a short while ago Secretary Gage spoke on the necessity of a reform in our banking system and remarked that while it is immense it had not kept up with the progress of the age nor met the demands of the country. The banks might be well managed by able financiers, and individually they might be all that might be desired, still there was lack of co-operation that made the system as a system to meet the full requirements radically defective. All may not agree with him on the measures of reform he suggests, but all who have given our monetary system any thought will agree with him that there is much room for improvement.

He drew somewhat of a contrast between the progress made by our manufactories, our railroads and other industrial enterprises in availing themselves of the most effective methods of economical production and working, and to this attributed in a great measure the immense industrial strides this country has made in the past couple decades, and yet the banks are the money suppliers for this industrial system.

But there is another industrial system of even more importance than the banks, one which might be called the basis of all the other industries, upon the prosperity of which the prosperity of the others and of the banks depends, and yet there is less method, less system and co-operation in it than in any of the others, a system without a system, in which every one pulls and plans for himself regardless of what the others are doing. This is a great manufacturing country, it is a great commercial country, but it is a greater agricultural country, with more capital invested than in any of the others, and yet at the end of the year they have, as a rule, less to show for their labor and invested capital than any of the others with the same investment.

While this is not altogether, it is largely the result of lack of system and the following of mistaken ideas and defective methods. There is no man engaged in any industry who takes so many chances and whose returns depend so much on chance. When we say chance we mean that not knowing the acreage of any crop planted in the world or in his own country he takes his chances on a crop that may be larger than the demand, and consequently takes his chances on the prices it will bring. He takes chances on the seasons, floods, droughts, frosts, insects, storms, etc., some of which he may have to contend against in any season. To be prepared for them and able to stand them without being seriously embarrassed requires both good judgment and thrift, good judgment to plant judiciously and keep out of debt to retain independence, and the thrift to provide so as not to have to call on others for the things necessary to support the home.

The farmer who shows this judgment and this thrift can and should be one of the most independent and contented men in the world. But this the average farmer, North or South, never will be while he makes the pursuit of money his main object. Of course he will want to make money; he should, and therefore he will work industriously and raise, if he be wise, the crops that will return him the most for his labor. But to make money should not be his first aim; that should be, while not overlooked, secondary. The main idea should be to make the farm a *home* beyond the reach of any one else, where comforts are, where there is peace, contentment, and no regrets over yesterday or worrying over to-morrow.

She average farmer is too apt to find fault with his calling and think his lot a hard one, and yet he is incomparably better off than millions of his countrymen, who toil for others, and whose fate is dependent in a great measure on the success or failure of their employers and on the judgment those employers exercise in the management of their business. In the labor world there is always unrest, for there is more or less of a struggle going on between capital and labor. Labor feels as if capital was imposing upon it and capital feels as if it was not getting out of labor all it is entitled to, hence friction that so often culminates in diagreement and in strikes, in which both lose and the workman sometimes suffers much, because being so dependent upon his daily labor he cannot stand idleness long without suffering, especially if he has a family dependent upon him.

The prices of farm products may go down until there is little profit in them for the farmer, but what farmer who is not shackled with debt would exchange places with the toiler on a strike, or with any toiler who may be employed one day and idle the next or who may receive one wage rate one day and a week later suffer a material reduction in wages, although at the same time the expense of living may be materially increased? The only hope for the wage earner is that by economy and thrift and steady employment, he may be able to save money enough to go into business for himself some day and thus not be dependent upon the fortunes of the caprices of others. He hopes to get just where the farmer is, in a position where he may be his own master, and be independent; the maker and the executor of his own plans and accountable to no one for the hours he labors or the hours he rests.

Life on the farm ought to be an ideal life and it would be if it were rightly viewed and rightly followed. It could be made an ideal life, if the farmer made that his aim and knew how to do it, but it can never be an ideal life unless there is thorough independence, and such methods as make that independence possible, and unless the pursuit of money be made subordinate to the pursuit of comfort and content. The farmer who drudges to make money is not a farmer, he is simply pursuing the avocation of a self-condemned serf.

FIGURES THAT SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

There hasn't been a time within two years when this State was entirely free from smallpox, while in some bordering and other States it has prevailed widely and proved very fatal. There is in this State, as there is in others, much prejudice against vaccination, much opposition to vaccination ordinances passed by municipal and other authorities, and in some towns the opposition has been so stubborn that the authorities found it necessary to enforce the ordinances, after the courts had sustained them in the right to require vaccination. In view of this prejudice, and of these facts, the following which we clip from the New Orleans *Times-Democrat*, showing the value of vaccination, will be interesting and instructive. It says:

"The *British Medical Journal*, than which there is no more reliable newspaper, in its issue of November 23, illustrates the value of vaccination by statistics of smallpox mortality drawn from the records of various countries.

"Germany as we need scarcely tell our readers, is the country in which the mortality from smallpox is the lowest in tne world. For example, in 1899 there were but twenty-eight deaths from that disease in its population of fifty-four millions, the rate per million being .52. And light as this rate was, it was very much heavier than had been for a periord of years. In 1898 the rate was .28 per million, in 1897 it was .09 per million, and in 1896, .19!

"Almost all of the twenty-eight deaths in 1899 were close on the Russian border or on the Austrian border, neither Russia nor Austria having compulsory vaccination.

"No death occurred in any German city of 50,000 population; and only four deaths occurred in the 285 German towns with a population of sixteen millions—the rate per million in the towns being .3. This is the most extraordinary showing for low mortality from smallpox, ever since smallpox was admitted to the catalogue of diseases.

The comparison which the *British Medical Journal* goes on to make between the mortality from smallpox in the towns of Germany and in those of Austria, Belgium, Great Britain and France, where there is no compulsory vaccination, is positively startling.

In 58 Austrian towns, with a population of nearly four millions, the smallpox deaths in 1899 were 77, giving a death-rate of 20.0 per million.

In 72 Belgium towns, with a population of 2,414,000, the deaths from smallpox in 1899 were 126, and the death-rate 52.2.

In 33 British towns with a population of 11,404,000, the deaths from smallpox in 1899 were 145, and the death-rate 12.7.

In 116 French towns, with a population of 8,668,000, the deaths from smallpox in 1899 were 600, and the rate per million 69.2.

Let us arrange these death-rates from smallpox in the year 1899 in a table that we may the more easily compare them:

SMALLPOX MORTALITY IN 1899.

Countries—	Death rate per million of town population.
Germany	.52
Great Britain	12.7
Austria	20 0
Belgium	52.2
France	69.2

"Now, many people may be disposed to consider the compulsory vaccination law of Germany oppressive; but when it produces such results as that shown in the table, ample excuse will most probably be pleaded for it. Nor is it intolerably oppressive after all, for it merely requires children to be vaccinated in the second year of their life, and to be revaccinated during school age. But it is compulsory; no excuse for non-vaccination is allowed by the authorities.

"Germany's almost total immunity from death by smallpox is the finest testimonial that any prophylactic remedy against a disease has ever had."

Germany does this thing wisely. She does not wait for an invasion of smallpox and then rush off and pass laws requiring every one who has not been vaccinated to be vaccinated forthwith, but takes time by the forelock, sees that the vaccination is done and done in time before there is any scare, and as a result they have no smallpox scares and no epidemics in that country and very few deaths, and these nearly all on the borders where there was a considerable mingling of people from countries where there is no compulsory vaccination.

According to the original programme Admiral Dewey with the Olympia was to be sent to England to represent his Government at the coronation of King Edward, but that verdict made him a *persona non grata* in the navy department and some one else will be delegated to conduct our part of the show.

For Whooping Cough use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

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NEW METHOD OF TREATING COTTON SEED.

These are days of new discoveries and inventions, which save time, labor and expense, and thus benefit the country and the world. The latest is a new invention for treating cotton seed, used in the oil mills, which promises to revolutionize that industry, concerning which we clip the following from the Augusta *Chronicle*:

"By the process now employed it is stated that the cotton seed pass through six mechanical processes; (1) a machine for cleaning seed of sand; (2) machine for removing bolls, pieces of wood, etc.; (3) magnetic machine for removing iron, nails, etc.; (4) a delinting machine; (5) hulling machine; (6) reel for separating mats from the hulls.

"Instead of these six machines the new process simply dumps the seeds, just as they come from the gin, into a vat containing chemicals, and in twenty minutes it is claimed the hull will pop open and the denuded kernels fall to the bottom of the vat while the hulls float on the top of the solution. If the kernels are to be shipped a distance to an oil mill they are dried first, but if this first process is at the oil mill then the kernels are passed immediately from the vat to the crushing rolls and it is claimed there is a saving of 50 per cent. in the cost of producing crude oil. The refining process is no more expensive, and it is claimed that the finest olive oil on the market can be duplicated from the product.

"Another great saving is in the shipment of the denuded seed to cotton oil mills. The weight is reduced one-half and the bulk two-thirds. The hulls that rise to the top of the vat are in shape for paper stock and worth from $20 to $40 per ton, showing a gain of from $9 to $18 over present practices of treating cotton seed to the point of cooking the meal for extracting the oil.

"This process for which application for patent has been made is said to be in successful operation in Washington City, and can be worked at any ginnery, saving the large amount already mentioned to the owner of the seed. The saving under this process will permit the payment of several dollars a ton more to the farmers for cotton seed and it is claimed by the owners of the new process that it means a revolution in the business and millions of dollars to the cotton farmers of the South. It is proposed to organize and work it independent of the trust and Standard Oil Company and give the farmers a chance to enjoy the profits.

They are inventing all sorts of eating and drinking decoctions these days. The latest is an invention of a doctor in Sweden, by which he converts milk into flour, which may be put up in cans, barrels of sacks, and shipped like other flour. It has fine keeping qualities, too. It can readily be dissolved in water, and can then be used for all the purposes for whcih milk is used. It costs about four cents a quart to reduce the milk to flour, which can be sold at about thirteen cents a pound.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—— A casual observation of the "trusts" indicates that some raise wages and reduce the cost to consumers while others reduce the pay roll and put up the cost. From this it might be inferred that there are good trusts and bad trusts.—*Washington Star, Rep.*

—— During the last year we spent eighty-five millions in supporting an army in the Philippines and the profit on American goods sold over there amounts to a fraction under $1,000,000. Expansion comes high, but it looks like our protected industries must have it.—*Atlanta Journal, Dem*

—— The United States Steel Corporation will admit three hundred heads of departments to its organization, it is said, upon a profit-sharing basis, and allow them to invest in its securities. This is a good idea for the popularization of the corporation. We trust the great company will stick to it.—*Richmond Dispatch, Dem.*

—— Open fires are now burned in every room of the White House. In some of the rooms coal is used and in others logs of wood. The Washington correspondent of the New York *Sun* says: "This gives the White House an air of real Southern life." Whenever the comforts of a home are wanted the resident seeks to give his house "an air of real Southern life."—*Savannah News, Dem.*

——Senator Allison says that ex-Governor Shaw, of Iowa, who, according to the latest accounts from Washington, is going to succeed Secretary Gage, would make a very good Republican candidate for the Presidency. As Secretary of the Treasury he will be brought fully into public view and be enabled to justify the favorable opinion of the Senator. At the rate at which President Roosevelt is cultivating enemies it is probable that there will soon be a large crop of candidates for 1904 in both party fields.—*Philadelphia Record, Dem.*

A Fireman's Close Call.

"I stuck to my engine, although every joint ached and every nerve was racked with pain," writes C. W. Bellamy, a locomotive fireman, of Burlington, Iowa. "I was weak and pale, without any appetite and all run down. As I was about to give up, I got a bottle of Electric Bitters and, after taking it, I felt as well as I ever did in my life." Weak, sickly, run down people always gain new life, strength and vigor from their use. Try them. Satisfaction guaranteed by R. R. Bellamy. Price 50 cents. †

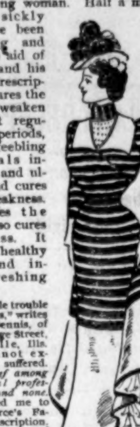
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Use Dr. Pierce's Pleasant Pellets with "Favorite Prescription" if the bowels are inactive or irregular.

TWINKLINGS.

— "De trusts," said Uncle Eph'm, "is jes' like musharoons. Hit takes an expert to tell which is de wholesome an' which is de pizen."—*Chicago Tribune.*

— Ned—Miss Stuyvesant told my sister that you asked her to marry you twice. Tom—No, I didn't. I asked her twice to marry me once.—*Somerville Journal.*

— Perdita—Trust Delia to get around the men! Penelope — Yes. She has given it out that she does not see why a women cannot dress well on $300 a year.—*Brooklyn Eagle.*

—"Who is the hero of this piece?" asked the man who was coming out of the theatre. And the manager thoughtfully replied: "The man who is putting up the money."—*Washington Star.*

— Visitor—How many thousand years old is this mummy? Museum Attendant—That is not a mummy, madam. That is the ossified remains of a Chicago man who went to Philadelphia to live.—*Baltimore World.*

— An Author's Grievance: "Riter says that postoffice clerk insulted him." "In what way?" "Why, when he handed in his package of manuscript to mail it the clerk inquired, 'is it first class?' "—*Life.*

—"Jackson loves to see his name in print, doesn't he?" "I should say so. Why, the morning after he was married he got up at 5 o'clock to read the wedding notices in the papers."—*Town Topics.*

— Bear—Say, old man, you are looking rather played out this morning, what's the trouble? Walrus—I guess you'd look played out if you'd walked the ice all night with a toothache.—*Brooklyn Life.*

— "Well done!" exclaimed the sightseer, as he halted before Maclay. The great historian smiled. "Ah, a friend at last! You mean my book is well done?" "Yes. At least it has been roasted enough to be well done." —*Chicago News.*

— He (just introduced)—What a very homely person that gentleman near the piano is, Mrs. Black. She—Isn't he. That is Mr. Black. He—How true it is, Mrs. Black, that the homely men always get the prettiest wives."—*Tit-Bits.*

— "Colonel," the beautiful grass widow asked, "have you ever had experience with ghosts?" "Yes," the rough and ready old warrior answered. "When my wife was alive she continually paraded her first husband before me. That's the why I'm looking for an inexperienced lady now."—*Punch.*

— "I'm getting a little suspicious of our bookkeeper," said one of the partners to the other. "You are?" said the surprised one. "Yes; I'm afraid there's something crooked with his books." "What in the world gave you that idea?" "Why, yesterday a band of music passed the office and the bookkeeper never left his desk for a moment to look out of the window!" —*Yonkers Statesman.*

Pressed Flowers.

Several methods of preserving the natural color of pressed flowers have been suggested, but the best, it is said, is that used in the New York botanical garden. After the specimens have been under pressure for a day or two they are laid in papers heated in the sun, and this is repeated until the drying is completed. This, it is said, preserves the colors perfectly.

She Did as He Advised.

Hocus—What happened when you told your mother-in-law to mind her own business?

Pocus—I don't exactly know. When I recovered consciousness, I was in the hospital.—Tit-Bits.

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SPIRITS TURPENTINE.

— Chatham *Record*: We regret to hear of the death of Dr. W. D. Watson, of Hickory Mountain township, who died of pneumonia on last Thursday, after a short sickness.

— Asheville *Citizen*: "The four Emma postoffice burglars will probably hang within the next 30 or 60 days," said Judge Moore Tuesday morning, when asked by a *Citizen* reporter as to the outcome of the Supreme Court decision in the case which. The death certificate for Dudley Johnson, Russ Gates, Ben Foster and Harry Mills will probably be received within the next week by the sheriff, and according to a provision in the statute of the public laws of North Carolina the execution "shall take place within 30 or 60 days therefrom."

— Fayetteville *Observer*: Wednesday morning Mr. H. C. Carter, who lives at the N. A. Stedman place, two miles west of town, went after a load of wood with his wagon, accompanied by his son, John, aged about 18 years. Returning they saw a squirrel in a tree and John reached for his gun, pulling it toward him by the muzzle. It struck against the wagon and the contents were discharged into the unfortunate young man's body. He fell back, exclaiming: "I have killed myself!" and died in a few moments.

— Monroe *Enquirer*: Mrs. Martin Williams had a re union of her large family at her home four miles east of here on Christmas day. Mrs. Williams is the widow of the late Jas. C. Williams of sacred memory. She is 76 years old and is greatly beloved in the community in which she has spent her long life. Time is dealing gently with Mrs. Williams and she has prospects of many more years of life. She is the mother of of 12 children, 11 of whom are living. She has 79 living grand children and 16 dead and 19 living great-grand children and 3 dead. Mrs. Williams' children and grand children and great-grand children with their wives and husbands number 136 living and 20 dead. On Christmas day 120 of her descendants gathered in Mrs. Williams' home and spent the day most pleasantly together.

FOILED BY HIS OWN TRICK.

Scheme For Selling a Farm and Its Dramatic Climax.

"Some years ago," said the narrator, "an oil boom hit Litchfield, Ills., and everybody for miles around was seen sniffing for oil and every stranger suspected of being an expert looking for a good thing. An old farmer named Loomis had a big place three miles out of town, which would have been a fortune for him had he not been possessed of a mania for swapping, manifest in a perennial attempt to trade off his land for twice its value.

"When the boom was at the top notch, Loomis received a visitor who took so much interest in the farm, so liked its appearance, location, etc., that the old farmer scented a petroleum man and saw visions of incalculable wealth; but, being a shrewd man, Loomis did not care to take any unnecessary chances with Providence, and on the quiet he sent the hired man out the back way with orders to dump the kerosene can into the well. The visitor liked the entire place, inspected the barn, the chicken yard and then, as if by chance, asked for a drink of water.

"Loomis was waiting for that and hauled up a brimming bucket before the man's own eyes and poured him out a gourdful of liquid with a fine, opalescent scum upon it. The visitor smelled the stuff, tasted it, made a wry face and asked if the water was always like that. 'Oh, yes,' said Loomis, 'but you soon get accustomed to the taste, and our doctor says this is the finest water on earth for the stomach.' 'Well, I am ding danged if I'll ever get used to it,' was the unexpected response. 'I am looking for a farm, not an oil well, and if I have got to haul my drinking water three miles from Litchfield I guess I'd rather buy nearer town.'

"It took Loomis six months to get the taste of oil out of his well, and by that time the boom was over, and nothing was left of the oil craze but rotting derricks and abandoned shafts."—New Orleans Times-Democrat.

BOOK MAXIMS.

It is better to give a book than to lend it.

Do not bite a paper knife until it has the edge of a saw.

Do not cut books except with a proper ivory knife.

It is ruination to a good book to cut it right through into the corners.

Books are neither card racks, crumb baskets nor receptacles for dead leaves.

Never write upon a title page or half title. The blank fly leaf is the right place.

Do not turn the leaves of books down. Particularly do not turn the leaves of books printed on plate paper.

If you are in the habit of lending books, do not mark them. These two acts together constitute an act of indiscretion.

Books were not meant as cushions, nor were they meant to be toasted before a fire.—Arthur L. Humphreys in Private Library.

Where He Forgot Himself.

"We are seven," laughingly quoted the man who was an applicant for life insurance when asked to give the number of children in his father's family.

"And their names?" asked the examining surgeon.

"Well, there's Albert, Addie, Henry, Laura, William and Dora and—and"—

The surgeon looked surprised, and the applicant looked foolish.

Then he began again, "There's Albert and Addie, and Henry and Laura, and William and Dora, and—and"—

The surgeon announced that these were only six. The applicant acknowledged the corn and went over the list again and again, invariably balking after the sixth name. Then a bright office boy looked up from his work, with a grin, and said:

"Say, haven't you left yourself out of the count?"

The surgeon seemed relieved, the applicant seemed more foolish than ever, and the office boy grinned on at his work.

"That certainly was one time," finally commented the applicant, "that I completely forgot myself."—New York Times.

Apples the Diet For the Sedentary.

Apples are very wholesome and digestible. They contain considerable potassium and sodium salts, magnesium, a little iron and about 85 per cent of water. Apples, being rich in pectin, form readily into jelly. They also contain free organic acids as well as salts, such a malates, citrates and tartrates. They are quite laxative, more so if taken late at night or early in the morning with a glass of water. Their nutritive value is not much, as they are largely composed of water. For invalids apples are best when baked and eaten either plain or served with cream. —Ledger Monthly.

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COMMERCIAL.

WILMINGTON MARKET.

[Quoted officially at the closing by the Produce Exchange.]

STAR OFFICE, December 27.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Nothing doing.

ROSIN—Market steady at $1.00 per barrel for strained and $1.05 per barrel for good strained.

TAR—Market firm at $1.20 per barrel of 280 lbs.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market steady at $1.10 per barrel for hard, $2.00 for dip, and —— for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine nothing doing; rosin firm at $1.20@1.25; tar steady at $1.30; crude turpentine dull at $1.30 @2 30.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits turpentine	25
Rosin	312
Tar	113
Crude turpentine	12

Receipts same day last year—34 casks spirits turpentine, 289 barrels rosin, 248 barrels tar, 10 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON.

Market firm on a basis of 7⅞c per pound for middling. Quotations:

Ordinary	5 7-16	cts ℔ lb
Good ordinary	6 13-16	" "
Low middling	7 7-16	" "
Middling	7⅞	" "
Good middling	8 3-16	" "

Same day last year, market quiet at 9⅛c for middling.

Receipts—1,064 bales; same day last year, 788.

[Corrected Regularly by Wilmington Produce Commission Merchants, prices representing those paid for produce consigned to Commission Merchants.]

COUNTRY PRODUCE.

PEANUTS—North Carolina, firm. Prime, 65c; extra prime, 70c; fancy, 75c, per bushel of twenty-eight pounds. Virginia—Prime, 55c; extra prime, 60c; fancy, 65c. Spanish, 70@75c.

CORN—Firm; 80@82½c per bushel for white.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams 15@16c per pound; shoulders, 13@14c; sides, 13@14c.

EGGS—Firm at 20@22c per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull. Grown, 20@23c; springs, 10@20c.

TURKEYS—Dressed, firm at 12@12½c; live, 9@10c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 26c.

TALLOW—Firm at 5½@6½c per pound.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 50@60c per bushel.

FINANCIAL MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Money on call was firm at 6@9 per cent. the market closing with 8 per cent. offered. Prime mercantile paper 5@5½ per cent. Sterling exchange irregular, with actual business in bankers' bills at 486⅝ for demand and at 483¼@483⅜ for sixty days. Posted rates 484@484½ and 487½. Commercial bills 482⅝@483½. Bar silver quoted 55⅜. Mexican dollars 43⅜. Government bonds weak. State bonds inactive. Railroad bonds were strong. U. S. refunding 2's, registered, 108¼; U. S. refunding 2's, coupon, 109¼; U. S. 3's, reg'd 108½; do. coupon, 108⅝; U. S. 4's, new reg'd, 139¼; do. coupon 139⅜; U. S. 4's, old reg'd, 111⅞; do. coupon, 112⅞; U. S. 5's, do. reg'd, 107½; coupon, 107¼; Southern Railway 5's 124. Stocks: Baltimore & Ohio 104; Chesapeake & Ohio 46⅞; Manhattan L 137; N. Y. Central 166⅞; Reading 52⅜; do. 1st pref'd 81⅛; do. 2nd pref'd 61⅜; St. Paul 164⅜; do. pref'd, 189; Southern R'way 33⅛; do. pref'd 93¼; Amalgamated Copper 70¼; Am'n Tobacco —; People's Gas 102¼; Sugar 115¼; Tennessee Coal and Iron 62½; U. S. Leather 11⅜; do. pref'd, 81¼; Western Union 91½; U. S. Steel 42¾; do. preferred 93¼; Mexican National 14⅜; American Locomotive —; do. preferred —; Standard Oil 703@708; Virginia-Carolina Chemical Co., 63⅜; do. preferred, 123⅛.

BALTIMORE, Dec. 27.—Seaboard Air Line, common, 26⅜@26⅝; do. preferred, 50@50⅝; do 4s 85½@85¼.

NAVAL STORES MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Rosin quiet. Spirits turpentine quiet.

CHARLESTON, Dec. 27.—Spirits turpentine firm at 35c; sales 70 casks. Rosin firm and unchanged; sales 500 barrels.

SAVANNAH, Dec. 27.—Spirits turpentine, nothing doing; receipts 2,066 casks; sales, none; exports 4,713 casks. Rosin steady; receipts 11,213 barrels; sales 2,221 barrels; exports 3,665 barrels.

COTTON MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The cotton market opened steady with December five points higher and other months unchanged to three points higher, in accordance with an advance of 1½ points in Liverpool. The opening figures were the top for the day, however, for big receipts at the ports started liquidation soon after the call and for the rest of the session long cotton came out steadily. Point after point prices gave way under this pressure, at the lowest touching 8 04 for January, 8.16 for March and 8.22 for May. There were slight reactions from time to time on profit-taking by scalpers and buying for a turn; but the general course of the market was downward. Large estimates for to-morrow's receipts and big in sight movement for the week discouraged enthusiastic support. Commission houses had very few buying orders, but were quite free sellers throughout the decline. What appeared to be short selling for a Wall street operator, once a market leader in cotton, was a feature of afternoon business. Selling orders came in from the South while spinners refused to buy contracts. A bear factor of no small importance was the issuance of 35,000 to 45,000 January notices Investors who had bought from the houses which tendered this cotton were naturally not in a position to receive it, and hurriedly sold out in the ring. This led to a relatively weaker ruling of January than the rest of the list from opening to closing. Predictions for a movement in January in excess of last January and favorable weather conditions South for moving the crop had some effect. Southern spot markets reported a smaller demand and more disposition on the part of holders to sell, though prices remained unchanged from the figures current yesterday. Just before the close scalping shorts scrambled for profits in fear of higher cables from Liverpool to-morrow. This buying advanced prices sharply and closed the market steady, with the net loss reduced to three and eight points.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Cotton quiet at 8⅛c; net receipts 928 bales; gross 8,267 bales; stock 121,337 bales.

Spot cotton closed quiet and 1-16c lower; middling uplands 8⅛c; middling gulf 8⅜c; sales 453 bales.

Cotton futures market closed steady: December 8 09, January 8 09, February 8.13, March 8.19 April 8.22, May 8.26, June 8.26, July 8 28, August 8.17, September —.

Total to-day—Net receipts 54,020 bales; exports to Great Britain 44,761 bales; exports to France — bales; exports to the Continent 10,923 bales; stock 989,243 bales.

Consolidated—Net receipts 297,010 bales; exports to Great Britain 145,710 bales; exports to France 31,149 bales; exports to the Continent 88,667 bales.

Total since September 1st.—Net receipts 4,657,941 bales; exports to Great Britain 1,705,223 bales; exports to France 404,401 bales; exports to the Continent 1,263,347 bales.

December 27.—Galveston, holiday, net receipts — bales; Norfolk, quiet at 8 1-16c, net receipts 2,759 bales; Baltimore, nominal at 8⅛c, net receipts 924 bales; Boston, quiet at 8 9-16c, net receipts 165 bales; Wilmington, firm at 7 7-16c, net receipts 1,064 bales; Philadelphia, quiet at 8⅜c, net receipts 1,500 bales; Savannah, steady at 7 15-16, net receipts 11,949 bales; New Orleans, easier at 8 1 16, net receipts 12,584 bales; Mobile, easy at 7 15 16c, net receipts 2,070 bales; Memphis, quiet at 8c, net receipts 3,180 bales; Augusta, steady at 8⅛c, net receipts (two days) 2,964 bales; Charleston, quiet at 8c, net receipts 4,638 bales.

PRODUCE MARKETS.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—Flour market was easier but not quotably lower. Wheat—Spot easy; No. 2 red 89¼c. Options closed weak and ⅜c net lower, March closed 87⅜c; May closed 87c; July closed 86⅛c; December closed 85⅛c. Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 70¼c. Options market closed weak and ¼@⅜c net lower; May closed 70⅛c; December closed 70⅛c. Oats—Spot easy; No. 2, 51⅛c. Options quiet and easy. Lard firm; Western steam $10 30; refined lard quoted firm; continent $10 35; South American $11 00; compound 8@8¼c. Rice was steady. Butter steady; creamery 16@23c; State dairy 15@23c. Eggs—Market firm; State and Pennsylvania 29c; Southern at mark 23@27c. Potatoes steady; Maine $2 30@2 75; New York $2 00@2 50; Long Island $2 50@2 62½; Jersey sweets $2 25@3 00. Cabbage steady; Long Island Flat Dutch, per 100, $3 00@4 00. Peanuts steady; fancy hand-picked 4@4¼c; other domestic 2¾@4c. Freights to Liverpool—Cotton by steam 12½c. Cheese steady; late made best large 9½c; late made best small 10@10½c. Coffee—Spot Rio steady; No. 7 invoice 7 1-16c; mild quiet; Cordova 7⅞@11c. Sugar—Raw steady; fair refining 3 3-16c; centrifugal 96 test, 3 21-32c; refined steady; standard A $4 55; confectioners' $4 55; mould A $5 10; cut-loaf $5 25; crushed $5 25; powdered $4 85; granulated $4 75; cubes $5 00. Pork firm. Tallow firm. Cotton seed oil was strong on account of the decided upward movement in lard products, but ruled quiet as buyers were not ready to meet the advance. Prime crude in barrels nominal; prime summer yellow 40½c; off summer yellow 39½; prime white 44c; prime winter yellow 44@44½c; prime meal $26 00@26 50

Norfolk Peanut Market.

NORFOLK, Va., December 27.—Peanut market dull; fancy 2⅞c; strictly prime 2⅜c; prime 2@2½c; Spanish —c; machine-picked —c. New peanuts, fancy 3c; strictly prime 2⅞@2⅞c; prime 2¼@2½c; Spanish 72½@75c.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Disappointing cables and better weather, together with comparative weakness in Northwest markets, caused a ⅜c drop in May wheat to-day. May corn closed ⅛@¼c and May oats ⅜c lower. Provisions were active and firm, closing 5@7½c higher.

CHICAGO, Dec. 27.—Cash quotations: Flour—Market firm. Wheat—No 2 spring —c; No. 3 spring 74@79c; No. 2 red 85@86½c. Corn—No. 2 63¼; No. 2 yellow 64c. Oats—No. 2 —c; No. 2 white 47½@48½c; No. 3 white 47½@48⅜c. Mess pork, per barrel, $15 90@16 00. Lard, per 100 lbs, $10 00@10 12½. Short rib sides, loose, quoted at $8 60@8 70. Dry salted shoulders, boxed, $7 37½@7 50. Short clear sides, boxed, $9 00@9 10 Whiskey—Basis of high wines, $1 32.

The leading futures ranged as follows—opening, highest, lowest and closing: Wheat—No. 2 December 78¾, 79, 78¾, 78⅝c; May 82⅜@82½, 82½, 82, 82c; July 82½@82¾, 82¼@82⅛, 81⅞, 81⅞@81⅞c. Corn—No. 2 December 64⅛, 64½, 63¾, 63⅝c; May 66⅜@66¾, 66½, 66⅜@66½, 66⅛@66⅝c; July 66⅜@66⅜, 66⅜@66½, 66½, 66⅜. Oats—December 44⅜, 45⅜, 44½, 44⅜; May 45⅜, 45⅜, 45⅜@45⅝, 45¼c; July 39⅜@39⅝, 39⅝, 38⅞, 39c. Mess pork, per bbl—January $16 90, 16 90, 16 82½, 16 82½; May $17 40, 17 50, 17 30, 16 30. Lard, per 100 lbs—January $10 10, 10 15, 10 07½, 10 07½; May $10 10, 10 22½, 10 10, 10 12½. Short ribs, per 100 lbs—January $8 62½, 8 62½, 8 62½, 8 62½; May $8 90, 9 00, 8 85, 8 85.

FOREIGN MARKET.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

LIVERPOOL, Dec. 27, 4:30 P. M.—Cotton: Spot, fair demand; prices steady; American middling 4 21-32d. The sales of the day were 10,000 bales, of which 500 bales were for speculation and export and included 9,300 bales American. Receipts 52,200 bales, all American.

Futures opened quiet and closed barely steady; American middling (g. o. c.) December 4 36-64d seller; December and January 4 35-64d seller; January and February 4 34-64@4 35-64d buyer; February and March 4 34-64@4 35-64d buyer; March and April 4 34-64@4 35-64d buyer; April and May 4 34-64@4 35-64d buyer; May and June 4 34-64@4 35-64d buyer; June and July 4 34-64@4 35-64d buyer; July and August 4 34-64@4 35-64d buyer; August and September 4 29-64 @4 30-64d buyer.

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British steamship Tolosa, Seaborne, Liverpool, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Schr Abbie G Cole, Cole, Samana, San Domingo, George Harriss, Son & Co.

EXPORTS.

FOREIGN.

LIVERPOOL—Br steamship Tolosa, 11,184 bales cotton, valued at $455,000; cargo and vessel by Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SAMANA, SAN DOMINGO—Schr Abbie G Cole, 310,384 feet lumber, valued at $384,233; 8 spars, valued at $5,600, cargo by master; vessel by George Harriss, Son & Co.

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List of Vessels in the Port of Wilmington, N. C., December 28, 1901.

STEAMSHIPS.

Raberstein, (Gr) 962 tons, Boer, Heide & Co.

Gymeric, (Br) 2,598 tons, Thomson, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

Riftswood, (Br) 1,165 tons, Judd, Alexander Sprunt & Son.

SCHOONERS.

Jno W Dana, 478 tons, Fassett, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Lottie R Russell, 263 tons, Sharp, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Wm P Hood, 632 tons, Philpott, George Harriss, Son & Co.

M C Haskell, 299 tons, Wingfield, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Addie P McFadden, 199 tons, Stewart, George Harriss, Son & Co.

Mabel Darling, (Br) 112 tons, Roberts, J A Springer & Co.

BARQUES.

Hutitu, (Nor) 635 tons, Eilertsen, Heide & Co.

Albatross, (Nor) 491 tons, Rasmussen, Heide & Co.

BY RIVER AND RAIL.

Receipts of Naval Stores and Cotton Yesterday.

W. & W. Railroad—69 bales cotton.

W. C. & A. Railroad—721 bales cotton, 5 casks spirits turpentine, 27 barrels rosin, 84 barrels tar, 5 barrels crude turpentine.

C. C. Railroad—108 bales cotton.

A. & Y. Railroad—171 bales cotton, 20 casks spirits turpentine, 285 barrels rosin, 29 barrels tar, 7 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—1,064 bales cotton, 25 casks spirits turpentine, 312 barrels rosin, 113 barrels tar, 12 barrels crude turpentine.

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CLOGGING THE PIPES

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Some Suggestions About the Plumbing and the Care That Should Be Exercised In the Avoidance Both of Expense and Disease.

Nowadays the plumber and his bill are your true household specters. Like other specters, careful common sense will put them to rout and confusion nine times in ten. Wise men have been studying this subject ever so long to devise plumbing that would take care of itself, but they have not yet succeeded. Neither are they likely to without a revolution in mechanics whereby the tendency of fluids always to seek their own level may be eliminated and other things as wonderful brought to pass. So long as knowledge remains nearly static so long will it behoove every housemistress to look well to the usage of her pipes and her traps.

A bit of rag or even string, a burnt match, a wisp of hair, seems a very little thing, one that the pipes can carry off with no possible hurt, but the rag, by hanging over the bend of the trap, may serve as a siphon to take away the water seal, which is all that stands between the household and unlimited sewer gas. And the rag may keep on doing it for weeks and weeks until deadly disease is rampant.

A string snarled and twisted may work the same ill. The match end, of course, ought to float away harmless, but is very much likelier to be caught in some eddy of the flush water, jammed into a crevice and there to take to itself other solid particles until they form a clot both offensive and dangerous.

As for hair, there is no end to the harm it harbors. A wisp quickly forms itself into a sort of strainer, catching and holding all that passes. Aside from that, it has a trick of lodging in the most inconvenient places, catching upon the least roughness inside the pipe and staying there until by accretion it has clogged the whole space.

Hair has special affinity for bits of soap. Solid soap, by the way, should never be sent down the pipes. Very strong soapsuds even is objectionable unless you follow it with a flood of clean water, preferably hot water.

Coffee grounds and tea leaves either clog a pipe very soon or else, if the flush water prevents that, wear it through quickly, partly by mechanical action, partly by chemical. Neither should ever be permitted in a sink. Even if you are wise enough to keep out all grease, and thus make sure that the grounds shall get safe away from your own pipes, in the sewer they may come in contact with grease from pipes less carefully kept and cake and clog your whole pipe system, making necessary costly and inconvenient unclogging.

Every kitchen ought to have its grease can, emptied once a week in winter and in summer every three days. All sorts of refuse fat should go into it, even the scrapings from plates and dishes. Greasy water, as from boiling hams or corned beef, should be allowed to cool thoroughly, then have the grease carefully taken off before it goes down the pipes. Skillets and frying pans ought to be filled with very hot soda water and let stand half an hour before washing. This gives time for the soda to partly saponify the grease and keep it from sticking to the pipe or caking on top of the trap.

In scouring faucets be careful to keep the scouring grit out of the joints. Even the finest particles cut away screw threads turning many times a day. After scouring also take care to let the water run at least a minute before catching any for use. In washing sandy vegetables, as spinach, turnips, potatoes, use a big pan and drain off the dirty water, so the sand may be caught. Even a spoonful of sand going down a pipe will cut and wear it more than a hogshead of water.

Milky water is one of the hardest things to manage. Even a small quantity daily fouls pipes unless the milky water is followed by a flushing of soda water moderately strong, with a lime-water flush about every three days. The limewater is made more effective by adding salt to it. Sea salt is best. Put a lump as big as the fist in an earthen or wooden vessel along with twice the bulk of quicklime and cover with four gallons of hot water. Stir well and let settle. Pour the clear liquid down the pipes and follow it in half an hour with a flush of clear water boiling hot. Thus every kind of a sink may be kept sweet and fresh.—New York Sun.

The Celebrated "Leaf Ant."

One of the oddest little creatures in all animal nature is the "leaf ant" of Central America. Although different species of this oddity are known to inhabit the American continent from Brazil to Mexico, the real home of the true leaf ant is in Nicaragua. To all outward appearances this little insect is a common ant, but one of gigantic size, it must be admitted, when compared with the ants of our temperate regions, being on an average over an inch in length. The habit for which these ants are so celebrated, and one which we could hardly believe were it not for the testimony of reputable naturalists, is that of carrying a leaf for a sunshade, just as our women and men carry parasols and umbrellas for the same purpose.

When at work, the leaf carrying-ants look like a little army in which each individual member is protected from the sun's rays by a little banner of green. Another remarkable fact in connection with the leaf carrier is that only those at work carry the little leafy protection. When a long file of burden bearers have deposited their budgets, they discard their parasols and return for a load without the leaf which made them such conspicuous objects when on the "up trip."

Wait Till He Sees You.

A Zulu chief, when you enter his hovel, remains silent for some moments and seems quite unconscious of your presence. At length he says in a tone of grave dignity, "Ge saku bona" (I see you), to which you reply in the same way. The longer he takes to "see you" the greater man you are supposed to be, and until you are thus "seen" you must keep silent and appear as much as possible not to be there at all.

In the Museum.

"The legless man is always putting his foot in it," observed the living skeleton to the snake charmer.

"What new he done now?"

"Last night we were having a friendly little game, and he asked the armless wonder to take a hand."—Baltimore American.

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Miss Singer—I saw in the paper that there is to be an entertainment for a "musical orphanage!" Pray, what may a musical orphanage be?

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	$1,763,810 40		$1,763,810 40

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WESTBOUND FROM HAMLET.

Hamlet	10.35 p m	6.35 a m
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Ar Charlotte	....	9.25 a m
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Ar Jacksonville	9.05 a m	3.50 p m
Ar Tampa	5.40 p m	5.00 a m

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Lv Hamlet		11.00 p m	7.40 a m
Ar Raleigh		3.00 a m	1.05 a m
Ar Norfolk		8.50 a m	11.00 p m
Ar Portsmouth		7.15 a m	5.35 p m
Ar Norfolk			
Lv Hamlet	10.40 p m	7.25 a m	7.40 a m
Ar Raleigh	3.50 a m	10.15 a m	11.00 a m
Ar Norfolk	3.50 a m	11.55 a m	1.05 p m
Ar Petersburg	5.54 a m	2.26 p m	4.55 p m
Ar Richmond	6.30 a m	3.05 p m	5.45 p m
Ar Washington	10.10 a m	6.15 p m	9.00 p m
Ar Baltimore	11.35 a m	11.25 p m	11.25 p m
Ar New York	4.15 p m	6.30 a m	6.30 a m

Train 40 leaving Hamlet at 8.10 a. m. takes passengers from train 31, leaving New York at 1.00 p. m.; Baltimore at 5.45 p. m.; Washington 7.00 p. m., Richmond 10.40 p. m.; Portsmouth 6.50 p. m.; Norfolk 6.30 p. m.; Raleigh 3.35 a. m. arriving at Hamlet at 6.30 a. m. From train 39, leaving Atlanta 6.00 p. m.; Athens 11.50 p. m.; Chester 4.00 a. m.; Charlotte 5.00a. m.; Monroe 8.40 a. m.; arriving Hamlet 7.00 a. m.

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Time Table No. 16.



To Take Effect Sunday, Oct. 21, 1900, at 12.01 A. M.

GOING EAST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave	STATIONS.	GOING WEST. Pass'g'r Trains Arrive	Leave
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.
.....	4 30	Goldsboro	11 05	.....
.....	4 33	Kinston	10 13	.....
5 42	5 50	Newbern	9 07	9 00
7 05	7 07	Morehead City	7 30	7 27
P. M.	P. M.		A. M.	A. M.

Train 4 connects with W. & W. train bound North, leaving Goldsboro at 11.45 A. M., and with Southern Railway train West, leaving Goldsboro 2.00 P. M., and with W. & N. at Newbern for Wilmington and intermediate points.

Train 3 connects with Southern Railway train, arriving at Goldsboro 8.00 P. M., and with W. & W. train from the North at 8.05 P. M. No. 1 train also connects with W. & N. for Wilmington and intermediate points.

oct 28 tf S. L. DILL, Sup't.

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On and after Monday, September 23rd, 1901 the schedule on the Wilmington Seacoast Railroad will be as follows:

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2 30 P. M.	8 15 A. M.
6 30 P. M.	5 15 P. M.

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SATURDAY MORNING, DEC. 28.

MOVEMENT OF COTTON.

Hester's Statement—Receipts Since Sept. 1st—Mill Takings—Foreign Exports. Stocks at the Seaboard.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW ORLEANS, December 27.—Secretary Hester's weekly statement, issued to-day, shows for the twenty-seven days of December a decrease under last year of 21,000 bales and an increase over the same period year before last of 313,000 bales.

For the 118 days of the season that have elapsed the aggregate is behind the 118 days of last year 55,000 bales and ahead of the same days year before last 574,000.

The amount brought into sight during the past week has been 376,758 bales, against 457,607 for the seven days last year and 283,351 year before last.

The movement since September 1st shows receipts at all United States ports 4,624 287 bales, against 4,431,497 last year; over land across the Missis sippi, Ohio and Potomac rivers to Northern mills and Canada, 531,816 against 694,130; interior stocks in excess of those held at the close of the commercial year 536,115, against 724,523; Southern mill takings 669,000, against 546,442 last year.

The total movement since September 1st is 6 961,218, against 6,416,592 last year and 5,784,990 year before last.

Foreign exports for the year have been 272,688, against 201,810 last year, making a total thus for the season 3,430,848, against 3,124,591 last year.

The total takings of American mills, North and South and Canada, thus far for the season have been 1,608,968 bales, against 1,649,067 last year.

Stocks at the seaboard and the twenty-nine leading Southern interior centers have increased during the week 14 979 bales, against an increase during the corresponding period last season of 32,085.

Including stocks left over at ports and interior towns from the last crop and the number of bales brought into sight thus far for the new crop, the supply to date is 6,720,905 bales, against 6,539,126 for the same period last year.

CAPT. RICHARD P LEARY.

Died at the Marine Hospital, Chelsea. Was the First Governor of Guam.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The Navy Department to-day received the following telegram from Admiral Mortimer L. Johnson, commanding the Boston navy yard, dated to day:

"Captain Richard P. Leary, U. S. N., died this morning at the Marine Hospital, Chelsea."

Captain Leary was the first governor of Guam, after that island came into the possession of the United States. Captain Leary was held in high regard by his fellow sailors because of the nerve he showed in the presence of two German warships in the harbor of Apia, Samoa, in 1889. Leary was in command of the little Adam, a third rate vessel of antiquate type, and finding the Germans about to forcibly interfere in support of their own candidate for the Samoan chieftainship, he cleared ship for action, first placing himself in position to command either approach, and forbade any interference. He was not molested.

Captain Leary was appointed from Maryland and entered the naval service in 1860.

NORTH ATLANTIC SQUADRON.

Arrived at Culebra Island, the Newly Selected Naval Station.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The North Atlantic squadron, consisting of the battleships Kearsarge, Massachusetts and Alabama, with the collier Hannibal, has arrived at Culebra island, the newly selected naval station east of the island of Porto Rico and very near to St. Thomas. While this place is much nearer the Venezuelan coast than Havana, from which point the squadron has just arrived at Culebra, it is stated that the squadron's business is not connected with Venezuelan matters, but is to carry out certain strategic movements framed by the general naval board.

COMPARATIVE COTTON STATEMENT

For the Week Ending Friday, December 27th, 1901.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The following is the comparative cotton statement for the week ending December 27th, 1901:

	1901.	1900.
Net receipts at all U. S ports during the week.....	297,010	234,768
Total receipts to this date	4,567,941	4,452,534
Exports for week..	265,526	180,989
Total exports to date	3,373,471	3,112,122
Stock in all U. S. ports.	989,343	1,000,614
Stock at all interior towns.....	694,151	798 593
Stock in Liverpool,	——	625,000
American afloat for Great Britain	——	276,000

TOTAL NET RECEIPTS OF COTTON.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

NEW YORK, Dec. 27.—The following are the total net receipts of cotton at all ports since September 1st, 1901: Galveston, 1,329 651 bales; New Orleans, 1,265,581; Mobile, 117,180; Savannah, 793,395; Charleston, 191,693; Wilmington, 207,643; Norfolk, 286,216; Baltimore, 43,106; New York, 36,644; Boston, 46 736; Newport News, 7,333; Philadelphia, 14,504; Fernandina, 2,000; Brunswick, 66,760; Port Arthur, 14,130; Pensacola, 95,169. Total, 4,567,941 bales.

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NEW WARSHIP FOR THE U. S. NAVY.

The Battleship Missouri Will be Launched To-day at Newport News, Va.

A SISTER SHIP OF THE OHIO.

Many Distinguished Guests Will be Present—Miss Marion Cockrell, of Missouri, Sponsor—Senator Cockrell to Deliver Address.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Members of the President's cabinet, with their families, and several bureau chiefs of the Navy Department, guests of the Newport News (Va.) Shipbuilding and Drydock Company, left here for Newport News, Va., at 10 o'clock this evening by a special train to attend the launching of the battleship Missouri at 10 o'clock to morrow morning.

C. B. Orcutt, president of the shipbuilding company, accompanied the party. A large number of Senators, members of the House and others, including Senator Francis M. Cockrell of Missouri and his daughter, Miss Marion Cockrell, who is to act as sponsor at the launching, sailed for Newport News to-night and will arrive there early in the morning.

The Missouri is a sister ship of the Ohio and the Maine. Her contract price was $2,885,000. Her keel was laid February 7th, 1900, and on the latest construction report she is set down as 51 per cent. completed. The Missouri's contract speed is eighteen knots an hour, so that she will rank next to the battleships of the Georgia class in regard to speed. Her complement will be forty officers and 511 men.

The hull is built of steel. It is 388 feet on the load-water line; 72 feet 2½ inches extreme breadth and, at a mean draught of 23 feet 6 inches, displaces 13,230 tons. The hull is protected abreast of the boilers by a side armor belt of from seven and a half to eleven inches in thickness, and by a casemate armor six inches thick. In the casemate are placed ten of the six-inch guns the vessel carries. Above this on the upper deck four six inch guns are placed, in the vicinity of which six inches armor is worked far enough forward and aft to afford protection to the crews of these guns.

Protection is afforded the vitals of the ship below the water line by a protective deck with armor from two and three quarters to four inches thick. The main battery of the ship consists of four twelve-inch rifles placed in two balanced turrets and sixteen six-inch guns. The turrets are turned by electricity and can revolve through 360 degrees in one minute. Ten of the six-inch guns are within the casemate, as before stated; two others are on the berth forward, in six-inch armored sponsons, and four are on the upper deck. Those in the sponsons forward and two on the upper deck can fire directly ahead and the other two on the upper deck directly astern, in addition to having a broadside fire. The secondary battery consists of six three-inch guns, eight six pounders, six one-pounders, two Colts and two three-inch field guns.

A new feature introduced into the offensive power of this ship are two submerged torpedo tubes. While German warships have been equipped with these tubes for a number of years the Missouri and her class are the first battleships of our navy to be supplied with them. There are two military masts, one mast as usual being over the forward conning tower. The Missouri carries fourteen boats, of which one is a forty-foot steam cutter and another a thirty six-foot steam cutter of the usual navy type. The boats are handled by four cranes operated by steam and each of which can lift the heaviest boat it has to handle at the rate of forty feet per minute. Bilge keels to reduce rolling are fitted to the vessel, experiments in recent years in our own and foreign navies having demonstrated the great efficiency of these keels in preventing excessive rolling, hydraulic gear is used in steering the vessel and can put the rudder from hard aport to hard astarboard in twenty seconds when the vessel is moving at full speed. Electricity is used for lighting the vessel and operating the turrets and hoists and for communicating between parts of the ships and for other minor purposes. Four powerful search lights will give warning of the approach of hostile vessels. For night signaling the ship carries two sets of electric signalling apparatus.

The normal coal supply is one thousand tons and the capacity of the bunkers is two thousand tons. The arrangement of the bunkers is such as to afford considerable incidental protection to the machinery. The Missouri and her class are the first battleships of the United States in which water tubes are provided. Steam for the propelling machinery is supplied by water tube boilers of the Thorney-Croft type placed in four water tight compartments. There are three smoke pipes. The two propelling engines are of the vertical cylinder, direct-acting triple-expansion type, having four cylinders. The collective indicated horse power is about sixteen thousand when the vessel is making eighteen knots.

COAL TRAIN WRECKED.

Engine and Forty Cars Piled in a Mass. Four Men Killed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

SCRANTON, PA., Dec. 27.—An Ontario and Western railroad coal train, drawn by engine 201, ran away on the heavy eighty foot grade going down the mountain on the Scranton division, east of Poyntelle, Wayne county, to day. Near Preston Park, in passing, switch frog it jumped the track, plunging down a hill for nearly 100 feet. The engine and forty gondola cars, all loaded, were piled in a mass. Four men were killed. Conductor Smith escaped death, but is badly injured. The tracks were covered with sleet and snow and the air brakes refusing to work allowed the train to gain such headway that it dashed down the mountain with terrible speed, passing Winwood at the rate of eighty miles an hour.

SENATOR DEPEW'S MARRIAGE.

The Civil Ceremony Took Place Yesterday in U. S. Consulate at Nice.

By Cable to the Morning Star.

NICE, Dec. 27.—The civil ceremony of the marriage of Senator Chauncey M. Depew and Miss May Palmer took place at 3 o'clock this afternoon in the United States Consulate. Senator Depew was in excellent health. The bride was charmingly dressed.

The bride being a Catholic, there will be two religious ceremonies tomorrow. The first will take place at Notre Dame and the second at the Episcopal church.

GERMAN DEMONSTRATION AGAINST VENEZUELA.

Warships Gathering—President Castro Says He is Prepared for Any Eventuality.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The gathering of German warships in the vicinity of Venezuela, and the presence in the same locality of many American, British, French and other foreign warships, is directing attention to the imminence of the naval demonstration Germany is about to make against Venezuela. Thus far the German government has not made known the exact details of her proposed move, the official communication to the United States being confined to an inquiry as to the attitude of this government on the question of a demonstration in view of the purpose on the part of Germany not to acquire any permanent foothold in Venezuela. The answer of this government was entirely satisfactory to the German authorities, who since have proceeded with the execution of their plans for coercing Venezuela. It is said to be probable that the first move by Germany will be the establishment of a blockade of Venezuelan ports, so as to prevent the introduction of food products into Venezuela and thus starve the besieged into submission. The Germans are expected to occupy one or more of the main ports of Venezuela, probably La Guira and Maracaibo. In this connection most positive assurances have been given to the United States government that the occupation is to be temporary.

On the part of Venezuela, it is semi-officially understood that President Castro has made known that he is prepared for any eventuality. There is complete silence, however, as to the defensive measures Venezuela is adopting, but there is no indication that she is laying mines or preparing in any way to resist an occupation of LaGuira or Maracaibo, which are such open ports that they are practically defenceless against such powerful armament as the Germans can bring to bear. The reliance of Venezuela appears to be on the practical difficulties Germany will encounter. The interior of Venezuela is regarded as safe, as it is said that it would take at least 200,000 German soldiers to make headway through the wild and uneven country against guerilla tactics.

There appears also to be much reticence on the part of Venezuea on the sentiment and sympathy which can be aroused within the United States when an European invader is actually operating on American soil and Venezuela issues a declaration of war. Venezuela, it is understood, also relies largely on the fact that foreign capital is invested in the large Venezuelan ports and would be the heaviest sufferer from any destruction wrought by the Germans.

There are a few hopeful signs on both sides that at the last moment a clash may be averted. The German minister to Venezuela is still at his post, and there is some hope that he may still bring about a settlement.

The presence of the North Atlantic squadron and many other American warships in West Indian waters is the source of much speculation in Germany and Venezuela. The Berlin officials are assured that the presence of American ships has nothing to do with Germany's plans against Venezuela, but at Caracas the presence of American ships in the neighborhood is construed as distinctly significant.

FIGHTING IN COLOMBIA.

Government Forces Victorious in a Battle With Revolutionists Under Marin.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

COLON, COLUMBIA, Dec. 27, via Galveston, Texas, 27.—News was received here to-day that General Marin, the Colombian revolutionary leader, attacked Honda on Magdalena river December 9th with 1900 men. The garrison, consisting of 450 men, fought from six A. M., until 11:30 P. M. At 8 P. M. the garrison received reinforcements numbering two hundred men. The battle started on the outskirts of the city and ended at Carmcoil, nine miles from Honda. Bayonets and machetes were used. The government troops were victorious. Four hundred men were killed during the battle.

ROOSEVELT'S CABINET.

Emphatic Announcement Made That Secretary Wilson Will Remain.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—The cabinet met as usual to-day, but no business was transacted. The most positive denials are given of the story published to-day that F. D. Coburn, secretary of the State board of agriculture of Kansas, is to succeed Secretary Wilson. When the fact that Gov. Shaw had accepted the tender of the Treasury portfolio was made public, the announcement was made that Secretary Wilson would remain in the cabinet, and to-day the same statement was reiterated at the White House in the most emphatic manner.

STORM IN CALIFORNIA.

Much Damage to Oranges and Other Property—Railway Traffic Delayed.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star

LOS ANGELES, CAL., Dec. 27.—A wind storm of unusual force and destruction has raged to-day all over the southern part of California. The storm carried with it fine dust from the desert to the east that filled the air and obscured the vision at distances more than a few hundred yards. Reports from surrounding towns report much damage wrought by the wind to oranges and some damage to small buildings. Railway traffic is delayed and in some instances entirely obstructed. The storm is the heaviest in the vicinity of Colton and Pomona.

ADMIRAL SCHLEY.

Received an Ovation Last Night at a Theatre in Washington.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 27.—Admiral Schley and ex-Secretary of the Navy Herbert occupied a box at the new National Theatre to-night to witness James K. Hackett & Co., in "Don Cæsar's Return." It was the first time the admiral has been in a public place here since the verdict of the court of inquiry. The house was crowded and when the Admiral appeared he was given an ovation, the applause lasting several minutes.

Brooks Morgan has been appointed assistant general passenger agent of the Southern Railway, with headquarters at Washington.

For Croup use CHENEY'S EXPECTORANT.

For sale by Hardin's Palace Pharmacy.

NELLIE CROPSEY'S FATE REVEALED.

Her Dead Body Found Floating in the River at Elizabeth City.

THE GIRL WAS MURDERED.

Excitement Among Citizens—Wilcox Put in Jail for Protection From Violence. Naval Reserves Called Out and Other Precautions Taken.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

ELIZABETH CITY, N. C., Dec. 27—The body of Nell Cropsey, who mysteriously disappeared from her home on the night of November 20th, was found this morning at 10 o'clock in the Pasquotank river, opposite the Cropsey residence, by two fishermen. The news of the finding flew over the city like wildfire and within a short while over two thousand people had assembled on the river bank, waiting for the body to be brought ashore.

Floating Face Downward.

The body was discovered by J. D. Stillman, a fisherman, who was returning from his night's fishing trip. Upon discovering that the floating object was the body of a young girl he immediately notified the committee, and Coroner Fearing had the body brought to the shore. When found the body was floating face downward. All the wearing apparel was intact, with the exception of the rubber which Nell wore on the night of her disappearance, and that was missing. With the exception of some slight discoloration of the face the body was in a state of good preservation and little decomposed. The body was easily identified as that of Nell Cropsey by all who had known her in life. The spot where the body was found had been dragged several times since her disappearance, but with no result.

Holding An Inquest.

Coroner Fearing summoned a jury of prominent men from among the crowd that had assembled on the spot where the body had been brought ashore, and called in three of the best physicians of the city to make a thorough and exhaustive autopsy to learn if there was any sign of violence on the body, but up to this time nothing official can be learned from the physicians as to their opinion, they refusing absolutely to give out any information until after they make their report to the coroner's jury, which convened at 9 o'clock to-night after an adjournment at 5 o'clock without reaching a verdict.

The jury has been in almost continuous secret session since the finding of the body and holding of the autopsy, and very much depends on the construction of their verdict as to what will be the fate of young Wilcox.

Great crowds are assembled in front of the Academy of Music building where the jury is in session and groups can be seen on almost every street corner discussing the affair but making no manifestations, simply waiting for the verdict of the jury as to whether the girl met with foul play or committed suicide.

Wilcox Under Arrest.

Anticipating that trouble may be brewing for young Wilcox, the naval reserves have been ordered out to maintain order, and to see that no violence is offered Wilcox. By order of the mayor all the bar rooms in the city have been closed. Wilcox has been removed from the mayor's office, where he has been since his arrest this afternoon, to the county jail for his own protection, and a strong guard has been placed around the jail.

The family of the dead girl refuses to express an opinion as to the cause of the death of Nellie Cropsey, but an uncle of the girl is reported as having said: "I never have yet heard of a drowned person floating face downward."

The mother of the girl is completely prostrated and little can be done on the part of relatives and friends to comfort her. She has watched daily, hoping for the return of her daughter alive, and the sad ending of the disappearance has completely broken her down.

Wilcox apparently maintains the same indifferent air that has characterized him all the way through this case, and feeling is running to some extent against him to-night.

The report of the coroner's jury is not expected until late to-night.

The Autopsy.

The report made by the physicians who performed the autopsy on Miss Cropsey says:

"The garments show no marks of violence. There was discoloration of a pinkish tinge on the front of head and face with a slight bluish discoloration over the back of the neck and occiput. There were no marks upon the front of her neck, except as made by constriction of her dress collar. An examination of the internal organs showed she was a pure girl.

"The stomach upon being opened emitted gas and was found to contain about two ounces of a dark fluid and solid substance; the solid substance presumed to be undigested food. The appearance of stomach and other abdominal organs was normal. The lungs were collapsed and free from water. The heart was normal.

A Bruise on the Head.

"Upon the section of the scalp all around the head, one inch above the brow, there was found a dark discoloration of the muscular substance about two by two inches in extent, visibly thickening the muscular substance. The bone beneath this contusion was discolored, slightly blue. There was no other abnormal condition in any part of the scalp, which was completely dissected. There was no fracture discovered at any point of the cranium. There was no effusion of blood or water upon the surface of the brain or any evidence that violence had reached its structure or the internal plates of its bony covering. The brain substance showed, so far as we could see, no evidence of damage. The brain was removed and the base of the brain was thoroughly inspected. There was no damage to blood vessels or bony structure."

The report was signed by Doctors J. E. Wood, O. McMullan and I. Fearing.

Verdict of Coroner's Jury.

"We, the coroner's jury, having been duly summoned and sworn by Dr. I. Fearing to inquire what caused the death of Ella M. Cropsey, do hereby report that from the investigation made by three physicians of Elizabeth City, and from their opinion and also from our personal observation, that said Ella M. Cropsey came to her death by being stricken a blow on the left temple and by being in the Pasquotank river. We have not yet investigated nor heard any testimony touching as to who inflicted the blow and did the drowning. We are informed that one James Wilcox is charged with same and is now in custody. We recommend that investigation as to his or any one else's probable guilt be had by one or more magistrates in Elizabeth City township, and that said Wilcox be held to await said investigation."

(Signed) I Fearing, coroner; P. S Snipp, B. F. Spence, Maurice Wescott, Robert J. Mitchell, J. B. Ferebee, J. M. Leroy.

HOMICIDE IN ALABAMA.

A Prominent Citizen of Blocton Killed by His Brother-in-Law.

By Telegraph to the Morning Star.

BIRMINGHAM, ALA., Dec. 27.—West Reach, a prominent citizen of Blocton, was shot and instantly killed today by Tom Stewart, his brother-in-law. Stewart surrendered to an officer and said he killed Reach for the reason he continually mistreated his (Stewart's) sister. He also says Reach threatened to kill him and his brother. It is said Reach was unarmed when he was shot. Stewart was accompanied by his brother, and both of them are now in jail at Centreville.

WARM WIRELETS.

A flow of oil has been struck on Wolf river, ten miles north of Jamestown, Tenn. It is said experts have pronounced it of fine quality.

Gen. Alger's condition last night was favorable to a complete recovery. No change is noticeable except that he continues to improve slowly.

News from Barboursville, Ky., is that oil has been struck at a depth of 100 feet on Swan Pond Creek. The gusher is estimated at 75 barrels a day.

Total bank clearings for the week ended December 26th, are $1,840,626,946; increase 3.0 per cent. Outside New York, $663,749,887; increase 9.1 per cent.

An explosion at the old Sharpsville, Pa., furnace yesterday wrecked the furnace plant and killed three men. Another workman was probably fatally wounded.

"Jack" McKennan, of Denver, Colo., has deposited a forfeit of $1,000 to bind a match between Abe Attell and Terry McGovern for the featherweight championship of the world.

Secretary of State Crook has granted a charter to the Savannah Electric Company, capitalized at $3,500,000. The charter consolidates all the street car lines in Savannah under one company.

A telegram from New York says: The American Sugar Refining Company, Arbuckle Brothers and B. F. Howell, Son & Company, advanced all grades of refined sugar ten points yesterday.

Robert Hensen, colored, was hanged at Trenton, N. J., for the murder of Mary Van Lieu, colored, and her child. Hensen set fire to a house and the woman and her child were burned to death.

A message was received from Beaufort, S. C., yesterday that the Edison party is alive and well. Their yacht, the Gunancia, which left Norfolk recently for Florida, via the Dismal Swamp, was reported wrecked Thursday near Beaufort, N. C.

William F. Cochran, a director of the Florida Central and Peninsula railway, the Seaboard Air Line, the Georgia and Alabama railway, the Western Union Telegraph Company, and other corporations, died yesterday at his home in New York city.

Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern Railway Company, wires to-day that the story published in several Southern papers to the effect that he was to be made chairman of the board of control of the Morgan syndicate of railroads, was without foundation.

Details from South Africa of the ambuscading, December 21, of 200 mounted infantry by three hundred and forty armed natives, led by Commandant Britz, show the British losses to have been ten men killed and fifteen wounded. The losses of the Boers are not known.

The Norfolk and Southern Company, capital $1,500,000, to do a general steamship business, is incorporated at Trenton, N. J. The incorporators are Thornwell Mullaly, New York; Ernest B. Hoes, Yonkers, N. Y., and K. K. McLarin, Jersey City.

Capt. W. W. Reisinger, lately in command of the Pensacola navy yard, has been ordered to the command of the Philadelphia, cruising along the west coast of Central America, succeeding Capt. W. W. Meade, who has been ordered home and placed on waiting orders.

The War Department has received a cablegram from General Chaffee, at Manila, giving an account of an engagement, near Dapado, Samar, in which Company F, Ninth Infantry, lost seven men killed and a number wounded. The enemy was driven from the field, and lost severely.

United States Senator William J. Sewell died at his home at Camden, N. J., yesterday. He suffered from diabetes complicated with stomach and heart trouble. Senator Sewell's illness had extended over a period of five years, but his condition was not considered serious until a year ago.

The tug Mars, at Norfolk, Va., reports the Baltimore barge Josephine adrift twelve miles southwest from Fenwick Island lightship. Her decks were awash and the lumber cargo was floating for a distance of fifteen miles. The crew of the Josephine were landed several days ago at Philadelphia.

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